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SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN CHURCHES PLAN PROTEST PRAYER WEEK

1. NCC GENERAL SECRETARY REV. ULM KWAN-SUK TOLD
EMBOFF THAT CHRISTIAN CHURCHES WILL PROCEED WITH
NATIONAL PROTEST PRAYER WEEK CAMPAIGN, DECEMBER 10-16.
PURPOSE OF PROTEST PRAYER WEEK IS TO DEMONSTRATE

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY'S CONTINUING DISTRUST OF GOVERNMENT
DESPITE ROKG POLITICAL CONCESSIONS, RELAXATION OF
CHURCH SURVEILLANCE AND STUDENT RELEASES. NCC HAS
PREPARED SUGGESTED PRAYERS, HOMUETICS, READINGS FROM

BIBLE, THEMES FOR SERMONS, AND RECENTLY PROCLAIMED
HUMAN RIGHTS MANIFESTO (SEOUL 8017) AS GUIDELINES FOR MINISTERS.

2. KIM SAID PRAYER MEETINGS WILL BE AUTONOMOUSLY

ORGANIZED BY INDIVIDUAL CONGREGATIONS THOUGHOUT
COUNTRY. ALL MAJOR DENOMINATIONS WILL PARTICIPATE.
PRAYERS AND SERMONS WILL HAVE AS THEME RESTORING
FREEDOM, HUMAN RIGHTS, POLITICAL AND MORAL FAILURE OF
GOVERNMENT AND DIVINE GUIDANCE FOR CHANGE.

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3. ON DECEMBER 16 PRAYER WEEK WILL END WITH SERVICES CONDUCTED BY MAJOR CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT CHURCH LEADERS AT SEOUL YMCA.

4. KIM SAID PRIMIN KIM MET DECEMBER 5 WITH CATHOLIC LEADERS AND IS SCHEDULED TO MEET PROTESTANT LEADERS DECEMBER 9 OR 10. HOWEVER, HE INDICATED THAT PRIMIN'S APPROACH WOULD NOT CHANGE CHRISTIAN LEADERS' DISTRUST OF PRESIDENT PARK AND HIS GOVERNMENT.
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